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MEMORANDUMVia E-Mail

DATE: November 19, 2007

TO: Firm Clients and Friends

FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.

RE: EC Will Host Debate on Governance and Nanotechnology

On December 5, 2007, the European Commission (EC) will hold a workshop entitled “Debate on Governance Initiatives for the European Nanotechnology Community in the Public and Private Sectors.” Participants will consider two proposed Codes of Conduct: (1) the Responsible Nano Code, which was developed by a working group organized in late 2006 by The Royal Society, the United Kingdom’s (UK) national academy of science, in conjunction with Insight Investment, the Nanotechnology Industries Association, and the UK government-sponsored Nanotechnology Knowledge Transfer Network; and (2) the EC’s proposed Responsible Research in Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies. In addition, BASF will discuss its experience working with its own internal code. Other workshop presentations will explore the legal aspects of codes of conduct and their application by small and medium-sized enterprises. Dr. Andrew Maynard, The Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, will review the U.S. experience. More information is available on the Internet at ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/nanotechnology/docs/agenda_codeevent.pdf.

The EC intends the workshop to bring together businesses, academics, and non-governmental organizations involved with nanotechnologies, and to allow significant time for discussion and debate. Up to 80 places are available for the workshop. Interested participants should contact Dr. Nicholas Deliyakis by e-mail at nicholas.deliyanakis@ec.europa.eu as soon as possible. The EC will confirm registration on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into consideration the representation of various categories of stakeholders. More information on the Responsible Nano Code is available at <http://www.responsiblenanocode.org/>. The EC’s consultation paper regarding Responsible Research in Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies is available at http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/pdf/nano-consultation_en.pdf.

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We hope this information is helpful. As always, please call if you have any questions.